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State Truck Route System

COUNTY ENGINEERS/SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS/DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC WORKS MAYORS/VILLAGE PRESIDENTS

The department is revising the designated state truck route system in order to keep Illinois economically competitive with the surrounding states. As a result, the department will upgrade 2,700 miles of Class III truck routes on the state highway system with lane widths of 11 feet or more to the Class II system. Please note:

- * There will be no increase in the maximum weight of trucks.
- * There will be no increase in the total mileage of the truck route system.
- * This action will allow, on the routes upgraded from Class III to Class II, the operation of trucks of up to 8 feet, 6 inches in width on state roads with 11-foot lanes.

The states surrounding Illinois currently all allow the 8-foot, 6 inch trailer width that is designed to accommodate two pallets loaded side-by-side in the newer trailers.

The designated state truck route system maps will be available in February.

Very truly yours,

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